

## AN ENERGETIC RENEWAL.

In a few weeks the rainy season in the Philippines will have ended. This opportunity will be afforded for the renewal of the war, which has necessarily been much delayed on account of the weather conditions.

There is now no visible reason why the renewal of the war may not be prosecuted with success, as regards the American achievements. It is only a question of time—and undoubtedly a very short time at that—when the Filipinos will yield to the invincible forces of the American army. Secretary Root has promised to prosecute the war with energy. With 50,000 American soldiers ready for battle, at the opening of the campaign in October, and by an energetic prosecution of war, the endurance of the insurgents can only be temporary, however obstinate they may be.

Lively indication at present points toward a speedy subjugation of the insurgent forces. Step by step the Americans gained advantageous positions in previous warfare till checked by the rainy weather, although the insurgents' positions and mode of carrying on war offered no little resistance to American attacks. The renewal of the American attack which is to take place in October and which is to be followed to a wish will hasten a cessation of hostilities in the Philippines.

## TRIAL OF DREYFUS.

The Dreyfus case at Rennes is attracting much attention, not only in France but in other countries. That the case should create general interest is natural for various reasons. If the trial results in the acquittal of Dreyfus, the opposing army faction will have to take a step lower in the estimation of the public, and it is possible that parties of the faction will be prosecuted by law as they should be if Dreyfus is proven innocent.

Notwithstanding the general feeling of sympathy of the world at large for the imprisoned captain, it is clear to all who have been paying attention to the trial that a hard fight will be made against him. Should he be innocent, his enemies will be none the less desperate, in the attempt to shield their guilt and thus maintain the honor bestowed upon them by the nation. It would be a hard blow to them after past triumphs to be reduced to an acknowledgment of guilt.

This is the second trial for Dreyfus. He evidently endured the suspense with strength. It is difficult however at this point to say what turn matters may take at the trial. The evidence heard at the last trial starts out as circumstantial as usual and apparently lacks force. What developments in the case may follow, it is now hard to say. Certainly the anti-Dreyfus men are making boasts of startling evidence which they claim will crush Dreyfus, but at this period Dreyfus and his counselors do not appear worried over the situation.

In the statement that unless the war in the Philippines is ended before the next campaign the result would be against the Republican party, Senator Burrows asserts nothing of a mean nature, as he is reported to have done. It is his belief that the war will be over in time to avoid conflict with the present administration.

The State Capital points with pride to the comparative scarcity of pauperism in Oklahoma Territory. Just at this point it may be aptly stated that Beaver county has as few paupers in proportion to population as any other county in the Territory.

An exchange devotes two-thirds of a column to an explanation of the subject, Dog-days. Of course we do not know of any reason why the Dog-day season is so named unless it is on account of the dogged hot weather.

Gov. Barnes offers \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of the unknown man whose body was found in the North Canadian river near Oklahoma City on the 4th inst.

Secretary Root has decided to ask state aid for the Porto Rico sufferers.

The American soldiers captured San Mateo on the 12th.

Agua Caliente has moved headquarters to Gabang mountains.

## 1,000 KILLED.

### Reports of Ponce Hurricane Show Awful Death Rate.

San Juan, Porto Rico, August 12. Reports from the southern coast of the island which were received this morning supply details of the terrible havoc wrought by the hurricane.

Conservative estimates place the number of persons killed at Ponce at 1,000. Many others received bodily injury. Five hundred of the dead are lying in the morgue of the city.

There is much illness, owing to the scarcity of food and water. Cisterns were filled with salt water when the sea was forced into the town by the wind, rendering their contents unfit for use. Sediment and wreckage in which dead bodies are imbedded, choke the streets. An epidemic seems certain, and, as there is no medicine, if it once gets a start it will decimate the population of the island.

Rennes France, August 14.—Maitre Labori, the principal counsel for Dreyfus, was shot while on his way to the court room this morning. A man sprang at him on a lonely roadway, at about 6 o'clock this morning and one shot was fired, hitting Labori in the back. He fell to the roadway and is still alive. His assailant fled and has not been caught.

## Killing Grasshoppers.

Prof. Hunter, entomologist of the Kansas State University, who has been spending part of the season here left this week. It will be remembered that this is the professor's third visit, both of the previous ones having been fully written up in these columns. Last year we published his conclusions as to the way to get rid of the grasshoppers which then as now were devastating large tracts of alfalfa. To recapitulate briefly, the professor informed us that the hopper who is doing the mischief is a native Kansan and not the migratory kind. He is born, eats and dies in a radius of a mile or two. His eggs are deposited in the ground where he lives and if these are destroyed the breed is ended. These hoppers will not even cross a dusty road, and seldom from one field to another unless the green growth is contiguous. They are mostly found near the alfalfa.

They have done and are doing very little damage elsewhere. Therefore, if the alfalfa fields could be rid of them the pest would probably be ended. The professor then suggested that the alfalfa fields should be thoroughly disced in the early spring, throwing the eggs to the surface and the freezing weather would destroy them. He also recommended that a machine be constructed consisting of a canvas float on wheels having a canvas flap on the back filled with kerosene. The machine hauled across the field, would gather most of the hoppers into the canvas, from which they would drop into the kerosene and be destroyed. Both of these methods had been tried with great success in Finny county.

Following this idea G. W. Watson disced his alfalfa ground last spring and as a result the alfalfa on the disced ground was nearly double that on the adjoining ground not so treated and there were no grasshoppers to speak of, at least not enough to do any damage. Believing it is a success Mr. Watson this year will double disced his ground in the fall and again in the spring and believes that will entirely rid the fields of them.

It has long been known that disced alfalfa is a good thing for the crop. It breaks up the scale that tends to form on the surface on bottom land, this scale aiding evaporation and drying out the ground very rapidly. It loosens the soil and gives the plant a more vigorous growth.

It will be found that the increase in the crops will more than pay for the labor and if in addition it kills the grasshoppers it will be highly profitable. In as much as the hoppers are due to the increased acreage of alfalfa giving them their favorite food, it certainly behooves owners of alfalfa to at once rid themselves and us of this pest. We hope to hear of other experiments along this line and will gladly publish the results.—Kinsley Mercury.

## Tree Dwelling in California.

Mill Valley is a suburban hamlet near San Francisco and lies at the foot of Mt. Tamalpais, the most prominent elevation on the bay shore and overlooking an extended prospect. It is the home of many of the wealthiest of San Francisco merchants, who here escape the fog and dust of the city and find in genial surroundings that relaxation which is required after protracted attention to business. A little stream flows through the precipitous valley, which formerly nourished extensive groves of gigantic redwoods. Many of these great trees have escaped destruction at the woodman's hands and remain to form a most effective and attractive feature of the lovely landscape.

Art has been combined with nature most cheerfully. All the necessities of metropolitan life are afforded the dwellers without destroying the primitive charms which have always existed. A friendly rivalry exists among the people as to which shall exhibit the greatest novelty in the architecture of their homes. In no community of its size is there a greater display of eccentricity in this respect manifested. The spurs of the mountains are all adorned by houses of the most peculiar outward appearance, and with interiors which exhibit a rich display of taste and extreme comfort.

One house is considered the most novel in the valley. It is built around a redwood tree and its floor is 40 feet above the ground. It has four rooms, and communicates with the bluff by a balcony of substantial construction. It is a charming conception and the abode of infinite comfort. There are no destructive beasts of prey or serpents of any kind to escape from in this peaceful valley, and the wild natives that once made this one of their favorite haunts have long ago migrated to the happy hunting grounds of their ancestors.

The suggestion is the fruit of a search for novelty, and in that respect this dwelling surpasses all its neighbors.

It is suggested by a cynic that Italy shows more interest in the safety of her subjects in the United States than she does in the safety of those in Abyssinia, perhaps for the reason that there is more money in the former.—In-er-Ocean.

An exchange says: It has been noted that the majority of Oklahoma railroad men with "G", as for instance the C. O. G., B. O. G. and D. O. G., while in Kansas the custom is "P".

Persistent bride—"Will you love me just as much when I am dead?" Bridegroom (absently)—"More, darling—more."—London Tit-Bits.

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